



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 5th, 2023

TO: City Council

FROM: David Swartz, City Engineer, Planning Dept. Support Via Jesse Cain City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing and council to consider the repeal and replacement of Article 39 Floodplain Management with an updated version.

Recommendation: Council to introduce and read by title only the Ordinance to repeal the current Article 39 and Replace it with Updated Article 39 that has been updated to comply with new NFIP guidelines.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS: With the adoption of the new Colusa County Flood Rate Insurance Maps (FIRM), the FEMA Region IX Regional Service Center is conducting a review of all counties that had changes in their floodplain development ordinances. Reviews are required as part of the new Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) becoming effective in Colusa County

Currently as published on the FEMA Map Service Center Web Site, the effective date when the new FEMA flood plain mapping is officially adopted and in place by March 27, 2024.

When FEMA provides a community with new or revised flood hazard data, the community must ensure its floodplain management regulations are fully compliant, adopted by the local governing body, and are legally enforceable by the effective date of the FIRM and FIS report. A community that fails to do so will automatically be suspended from the NFIP.

FEMA staff reviewed the city's ordinance for compliance with the NFIP minimum development standards. Our ordinance was largely in compliance, but there was some language and cross-references within our current regulations that were outdated.

Staff met with FEMA and reviewed the changes requested by FEMA on Article 39 and has determined that the changes being proposed do not have any substantial effects on the interpretation of the code as it would relate to regulating floodplain management in the city.

BUDGET IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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